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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to show or fairly suggest a grinder having a housing, wheel shaft and an angularly, adjustable wheel guard, wherein a lock slide is movable on housing and having a lever with one end attached to lock slide and one end attached to housing and moves by folding and unfolding, wherein in an unfolded position the lock slide locks the guard in place.

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